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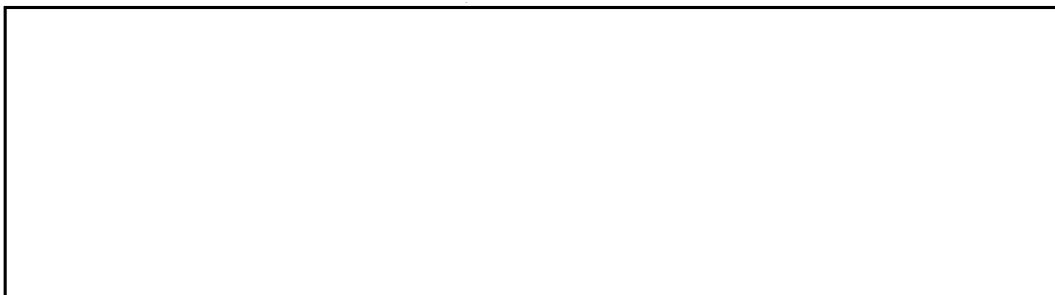
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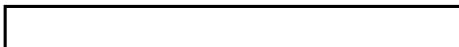
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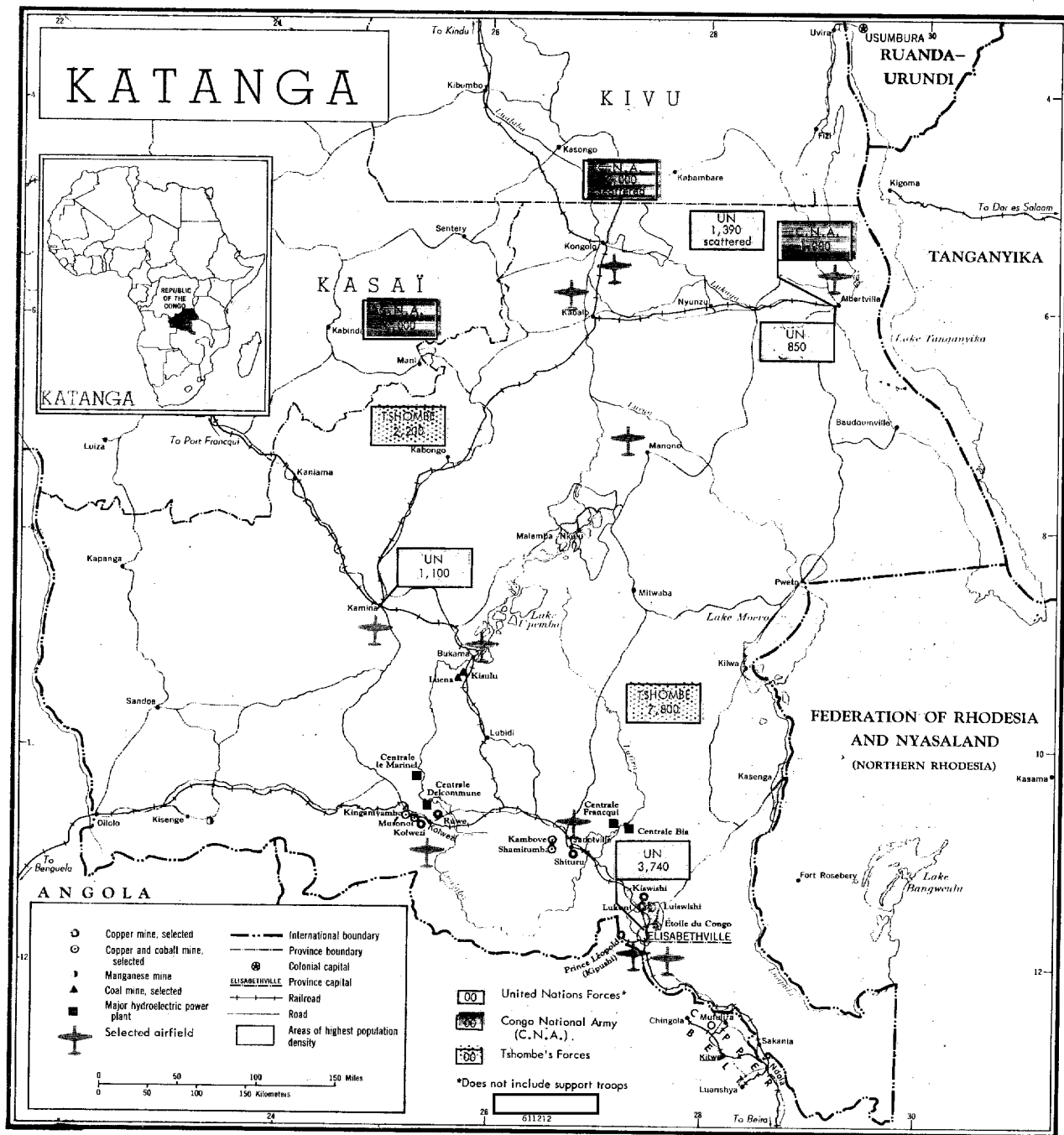
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***Congo:** Sporadic fighting continued on 11 December in and around Elisabethville with no indication that either side was ready to call a halt. UN aircraft continue attacks on Katangan strongholds. Tshombé and Union Minière officials claim the UN attacks have damaged mining installations at Kolwezi and Luena and the important hydroelectric plant at



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Le Marinel. A Katangan aircraft bombed Elisabethville airport the night of 10 December. Katangan forces appear to control most of the city, with the UN holding its positions on the north and west sides.

The UN military command in Elisabethville reportedly met on 9 December to discuss an "all-out" military mop-up of Elisabethville, including a house-to-house cleanup with "no holds barred." American Consul Hoffacker comments that such an action by the UN would cause heavy civilian casualties and large-scale property damage, and could touch off protracted guerrilla warfare by the Katangans. [Hoffacker reports that the Indian chargé from Leopoldville is in Elisabethville advocating all-out war against Katanga and is trying to exploit the resentment in the UN military, particularly among Indian officers, over the inconclusive UN action last September.]

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[The US Embassy in Leopoldville reported on 8 December that the Adoula government has prepared a five-page indictment of Gizenga which it will submit to parliament in introducing a motion of censure against him. The American officials doubt that Adoula will push the indictment until parliamentary sentiment crystallizes or before favorable news is received from Katanga. [Adoula has been considering a move against Gizenga since mid-November, and that Gizenga's violent speech against him on 29 November convinced Adoula he must "break" him.]

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[The outbreak of hostilities in Katanga has aroused deep bitterness against the UN and the United States in Belgium. Foreign Minister Spaak's policy of full cooperation with the UN is being criticized as a mistake. Ambassador MacArthur predicts that Belgian-American relations are in for a "very, very rough time." [

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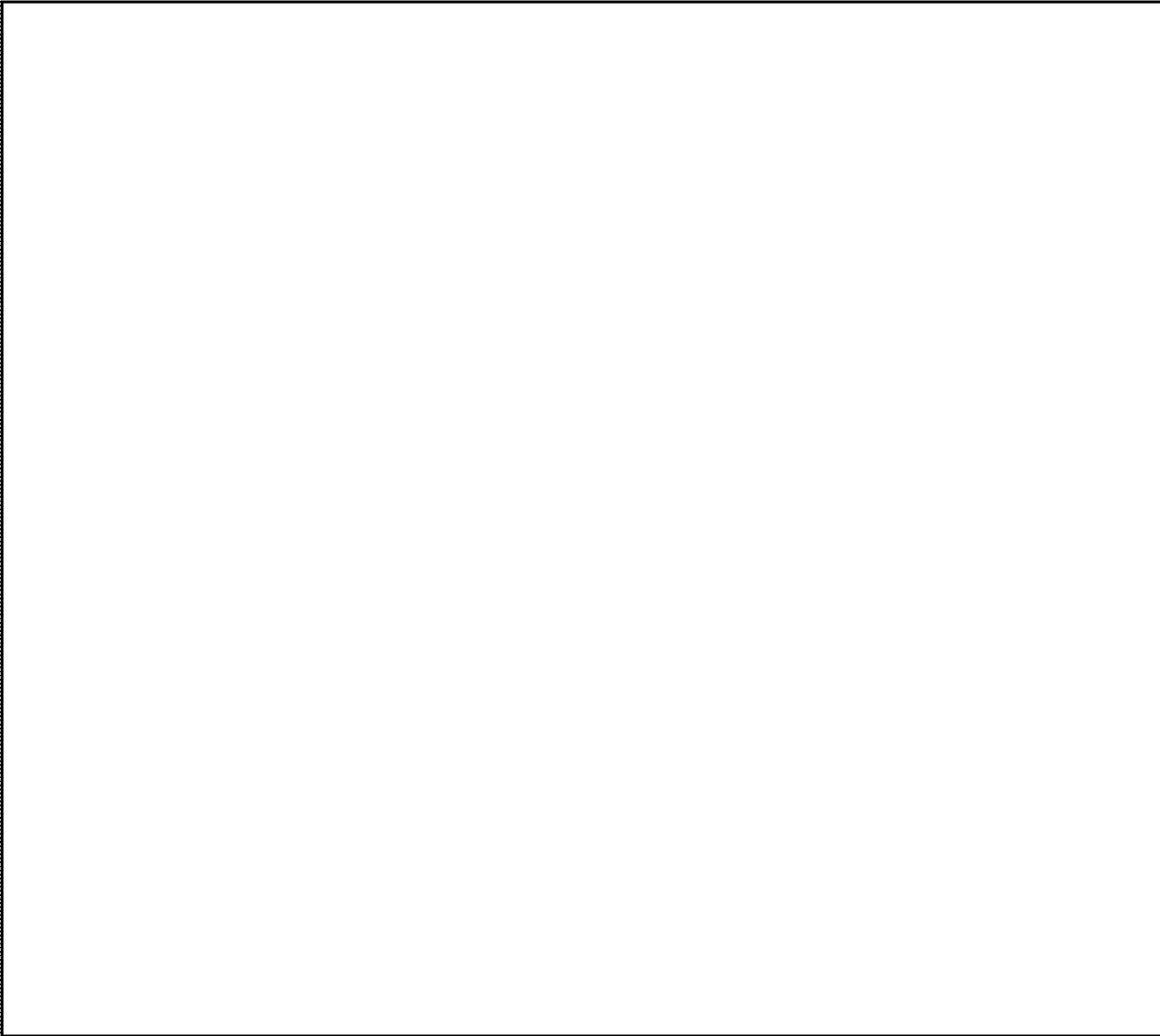
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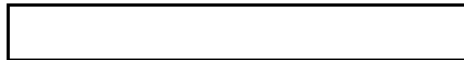
Albania-Bloc: Bulgarian, Hungarian, and Rumanian economic delegations left on 10 December for Warsaw to attend the 15th session of the Council for Economic Mutual Assistance (CEMA). CEMA membership is limited to the USSR and the

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European satellites, although the Asian Communist states have occasionally sent observers. The meeting will probably expel Albania from CEMA. There have been indications that the political consultative committee of the Warsaw Pact is also to meet soon, possibly to expel Albania. Such Warsaw Pact meetings, attended by the party first secretaries, have followed CEMA meetings on at least two occasions in the past, once in February 1960 when the Albanian disagreement with bloc policies first came to light.

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Dominican Republic: Armed forces chief Rodriguez Echevarria has alienated the public and weakened his position among the military by rejecting the agreement on a coalition government which had been accepted in principle by President Balaguer and opposition leaders. The American consul general and his military liaison officer agree that General Rodriguez probably does not now have the requisite support among his fellow officers either to impose a military regime or to maintain the unpopular Balaguer government in power until its term ends in August.

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Other ranking military officers, particularly Interior Secretary Hermida and Army Chief of Staff Roman, appear dissatisfied with Rodriguez' stand. Survivors of the civilian-military group which on 30 May brought about Trujillo's assassination may attempt to encourage a move to replace General Rodriguez. Such a move--or an attempt by Rodriguez to effect a military coup--might result in clashes between factions of the military.

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President Balaguer, ill and disheartened, has not resisted Rodriguez' pressures.

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